



**NASULGC** National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges

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The Honorable Collin Peterson  
Chairman  
Committee on Agriculture  
House of Representatives  
1301 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Peterson:

On behalf of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) and its Board on Agriculture Assembly, I am writing to express our support for your committee's 2007 Farm Bill as set forth in the latest "Chairman's Mark."

NASULGC, as you know, represents 75 Land-Grant universities, including 57 1862, 18 1890, and 32 1994 institutions. We also count, as affiliate members, the 44 universities of the American Association of Schools and Colleges of Agriculture and Renewable Resources (AASCARR). This is a very diverse group of universities with many interests, and we are pleased that you and the committee staff have gone the extra mile to accommodate as many of our requests as possible.

An extremely high priority for our Land-Grant universities and related institutions is the CREATE-21 initiative developed by NASULGC and our partners. We are particularly gratified to see that the committee has embraced the central precepts of CREATE-21. We believe that your legislative product will provide enhanced integration among USDA's science agencies and expanded funding for the vital capacity and competitive programs which benefit the land-grant system and through our research, education, and extension efforts the citizens of the United States.

NASULGC is proud to work with you and your Agriculture Committee colleagues at this important juncture, and we look forward to working closely with you and your staff during subsequent stages of the legislative process.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Peter McPherson  
President